

HOUSE RESOLUTION 219

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Thomas and Ruby Ledbetter on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 1958, Thomas Ledbetter and Ruby Ferguson were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter have been highly respected citizens of their community of Midtown for their entire lives; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the couple were childhood friends, and their marriage ceremony, performed by the Justice of the Peace in Crossville, stood as another step in the long road they have walked together; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ledbetter, an avid outdoorsman, served with acumen and alacrity as an employee at K-25 in Oak Ridge, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ledbetter rendered sterling service throughout her entire career as a quality inspector at the local hosiery mills; she now enjoys working in her flower garden; and

WHEREAS, the couple are devout members of Piney Grove Baptist Church, which Mrs. Ledbetter has attended her entire life; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced one son, Tim Ledbetter, who is married to Teresa; and

WHEREAS, the Ledbetters are also the proud grandparents of Stephanie and Christopher Ledbetter; and

WHEREAS, they will be joined in celebrating this momentous occasion by Mrs. Ledbetter's siblings, James, Charles, Carl, and Daisy, and Mr. Ledbetter's brothers and sister, Glen, Charles, and Deloris; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Ledbetters' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Thomas and Ruby Ledbetter on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.